

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE (AND INVESTITURE) OF THE GRAND PRIORY OF ENGLAND & WALES TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, 2024



The High Altar in the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham



The Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham (The Slipper Chapel)



The Gardens of the Anglican Shrine

To mark the tenth anniversary of the Order's international pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2014 led by the 49th Grand Master (the late Don Carlos Gereda y de Borbon) the Grand Priory of England & Wales has been given permission by the Guardians and Administrator of the Anglican Shrine to conduct a pilgrimage to Walsingham from Thursday 30th May to Sunday 2nd June 2024. The Grand Prior, Bailiff and Chaplain-General will lead the Grand Priory on this pilgrimage, during which the Grand Priory will also hold its Spring National Investiture Service.

Walsingham was the country's main centre of pre-reformation pilgrimage, founded in the 11th century, a time when many of our forebears in the Order went on crusade to the Holy Land. This is an ideal opportunity for us to make a pilgrimage to what has been known since those days as 'England's Nazareth'. Those of you who attended the pilgrimage in 2014 will know what a special place Walsingham is.

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Itinerary for the pilgrimage (all times tba):

Thursday 30th May

Late afternoon/early evening: Welcome, followed by illustrated lecture on the history of Walsingham

Friday 31st May

a.m. Grand Priory Executive Council meeting, Chaplains' meeting and Hospitallers' meeting [separate times tba]

p.m. The 'Holy Mile' pilgrim walk to the Slipper Chapel [optional]

Late p.m. Investiture Vigil* at the ancient parish church of Houghton St Giles - the lepers' "Slipper Chapel" - by kind permission of the Vicar of Walsingham, the Rev'd Dr Harri Williams

*[Although in recent years each Commandery has been encouraged to host its own Vigil, on this special occasion when we have been given express permission to use the ancient lepers' church in Walsingham it is a unique opportunity for the Grand Priory to host its corporate Vigil on the site at which our predecessors worshipped. Commanders, please do **not**, therefore, conduct a local vigil for any of your postulants or promotees to accolade rank who are being invested at Walsingham.]

Late evening: Grand Priory Compline

Saturday 1st June 2024

a.m. free time

p.m. Grand Priory Investiture in the Shrine Church (or, weather permitting, in the Shrine grounds). Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Dom Cuthbert Brogan OSB, the Lord Abbot of Farnborough

Evening: Investiture Dinner. After dinner speaker: The Rt Rev'd Peter Collins, Lord Bishop of East Anglia

Late evening: torchlight procession of the image of Our Lady of Walsingham

Sunday 2nd June 2024

Breakfast & Departure

The Shrine has kindly agreed with the Grand Priory to offer the following accommodation options, both of which are half-board (i.e. lunch is not included):

1. Arriving Thursday 30th May – Thursday dinner; Friday breakfast & dinner; Saturday breakfast & Investiture Dinner; Sunday breakfast: **£330 per person**
2. Arriving Friday 31st May – Friday dinner; Saturday breakfast & Investiture Dinner; Sunday breakfast: **£250 per person**

Please be aware that accommodation at the Shrine is well-appointed, clean and comfortable, but do not expect the equivalent of a 5 star hotel! There are both single and double rooms and many have ensuite facilities. If you have any special needs or requests regarding accommodation or diet please provide details on the booking form.

There is plenty of car parking available in the village and a pay & display car park is located within a few hundred yards of the Shrine.

The ecumenical nature of the Order is fully embraced by this pilgrimage. Pilgrims will be encouraged to participate in the daily round of worship in the Shrine and there will be daily opportunities for the celebration of the Anglican Eucharist. Similarly, daily Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Slipper Chapel of the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham by Fr Ian Evan ECLJ, CMLJ (Chaplain-General Emeritus) and the Orthodox Liturgy will be celebrated in the Pan-Orthodox Chapel by the The Rev'd Hieromonk Mark Underwood MMLJ, who, it is hoped, will sing the Akathistos Hymn to Our Lady of Walsingham in the Holy House.

Family and friends, whether members of the Order or not, are most welcome to attend and should be encouraged to do so.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1. All bookings must be made via the Secretary-General, NOT directly through the Shrine at Walsingham.**
- 2. The closing date for bookings is Saturday 20th APRIL. Early booking is strongly recommended.**
- 3. Payment may be made EITHER by cheque, made out to MHOSLJ, and sent to the Secretary-General at the address below, OR by BACS electronic transfer using the following details:**

Sort Code: **20-00-85**

Account No.: **90412945**

Account Name: **MHOSLJ**

International payments: **IBAN:** GB39 BUKB 20 00 85 90412945 / **SWIFT Code:** BUKB GB 22

Please use reference: **Surname & initials* + WALS24** (e.g. Vaughan G. WALS24)

*[This is particularly important if you are paying from a business account which may not bear your name. Otherwise, it may be difficult to trace the identity of the payer.]

Please email the Secretary-General at: ewsecretary@gmail.com when you have paid.



The Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham – The Catholic National Shrine, Houghton St Giles